

Parent File WM 60001/Sale File WM 60463– Sheboygan County 37.22 Acres

The Department acquired this property through a transfer in 2008 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT). The parcels is a part of the North Branch Milwaukee River Wildlife and Farm Heritage Area project and is located in the Town of Sherman in Sheboygan County.

The parcel is subject to the following deed restrictions: Inspection; No commercial, industrial, residential or other incompatible activities adversely affecting wetlands; No buildings, dwellings, barns, road advertising signs, billboards or other structures built or placed on the property; No dredging, filling, excavating, minding, drilling or removal of any topsoil, sand, gravel, rock, materials within the restored wetland area; No dumping of trash, ashes, garbage or other unsightly or offensive material, including any hazardous or toxic waste; Hydrology of the site will not be altered in any way that would effectively drain the site or by any means; No removal of developing native vegetation, plowing, tilling, brushing, cultivating, crop planting or other agricultural activities; No operation of any motorized vehicles, watercraft or equipment; No removal, cutting, mowing or alteration of any vegetation or change in the natural habitat in any manner; Actions taken by the Grantee which violate these covenants shall entitle DOT and COE the right to enter upon the property; Lease cannot be reassigned and the grantee shall not allow new easements within the site without written approval from DOT.

There is an encroachment of a mowed ATV trail from the neighbor's property along the west boundary of the parcel. A portion of the property is a prairie restoration site with big bluestem, bergamont, purple coneflower, yellow coneflower and milkweed. There are wetland mitigation ponds along the east half of the property.

The property has road access from HWY 144. It can also be accessed by the public at this time due to an adjacent Voluntary Public Access Lease held by the Department.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., and the land be only offered to Sheboygan County, subject to the deed restrictions from DOT and subject to a deed restriction requiring the land be open to the general public for all five NBOA's in perpetuity.

